

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:617
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OUTSTANDING DUES OF MINISTRY OF COAL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Power owes some outstanding dues to the Ministry of Coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for the outstanding dues and since when these have been pending for clearance; and
- (d) the time by which the dues are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Badarpur Thermal Power Station (BTPS), which was owned by Government of India and managed by National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC) till its transfer to NTPC on 1.6.2006, owes an amount of Rs.440.45 crores (provisional) to the Coal Companies under the Ministry of Coal as on 31.5.2006.

(c) : The dues relating to BTPS, for the period owned by Government of India i.e. till 31.5.2006 are largely the award given by the arbitrator which was pronounced on 16.8.2005 and the arbitration period relate to 1980-85 and 1992-95. Based on the guidelines issued by Ahluwalia Committee on settlement of outstanding dues of State Electricity Boards payable to Public Sector Undertakings, BTPS suggested securitization of award amount to the Coal Companies. Though M/s Bharat Coking Coal Limited

(BCCL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL) agreed and the dues were settled, M/s. Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) and Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) (subsidiaries of CIL), have not agreed to securitization though the interest accrued up to 31.3.2006, based on the securitization principle, have been paid to them.

(d) : The issue of securitization of dues relating to CCL to ECL have been taken up by the Ministry of Power with the Ministry of Coal at the Secretary's level for an early resolution of the matter so that the dues could be cleared.